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SUBJECT: PERON DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH U. S.

1. PRO-PERONIST DAILY MAYORIA THIS MORNING RUNS RECENT INTERVIEW GRANTED BY PERON TO EDITOR TULIO JACOVELLA. INTERVIEW DEALS EXCLUSIVELY WITH NATURE OF U. S. - ARGENTINE RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY AFTER MAY 25.

2. PERON COMPLAINED OF RAPACIOUSNESS OF U. S. COMPANIES AND SAID U. S. POLICY IN PAST SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AIMED AT MAINTAINING ARGENTINA AS UNINDUSTRIALIZED, PASTORAL NATION. HE CITED STATEMENTS WORLD BANK PRESIDENT ROBERT McNAMARA TO ILLUSTRATE HIS CASE. U. S. WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE ITS APPROACH IN REST OF LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS IN ARGENTINA, HE CONCLUDED, BUT IMPLIED SOME OPTIMISM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A CHANGE.

3. ON U. S. COMPANIES, PERON SAID ARGENTINES THEMSELVES WERE MORE TO BLAME FOR DAMAGE WROUGHT BY U. S. COMPANIES THAN WERE COMPANIES THEMSELVES. IT WAS UP TO GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH RULES OF GAME TO PREVENT EXPLOITATION. THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE IN PAST; HENCE, ARGENTINA HAD IN EFFECT ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPLOITED.. NEXT GOVT WOULD ESTABLISH RULES AND END THIS SITUATION.

4. PERON FURTHER NOTED THAT U. S. WHICH ARGENTINA FACED TODAY WAS NOT THE SAME AS THAT OF 1946. IT WAS CHANGING FOR THE BETTER. " NOW," HE ASSERTED, " JUSTICIALISM HAS BROADER AND BETTER CHANCES OF BEING UNDERSTOOD IN THE U. S."

5. COMMENT: THIS VIEW OF U. S.- ARGENTINE RELATIONS, IN WHICH CRITICISM WAS BALANCED BY OPTIMISM REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE, WAS DOUBTLESS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO JACOVILLE, WHO IS REPORTEDLY BITTERLY ANTI- AMERICAN AND WHOSE PAPER HAS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASSIONS MADE GRATUITOUS SWIPES AT THE U. S.

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